

661—403.3(97A) Determination. After receiving a completed application for benefits from the member death benefit program, the board shall make a determination as to whether or not the application meets the requirements for payment of benefits. Prior to making a determination, the board may require the beneficiary or responsible supervisory official who has certified that the death is a line-of-duty death to submit any additional information that the board deems material to making the determination. If the determination is that the requirements for payment of benefits have been met, the board shall so notify the beneficiary or cobeneficiaries and shall instruct the secretary to prepare documents to cause the department of administrative services to issue a warrant payable to the beneficiary in the amount of the lump-sum payment provided or, if there are cobeneficiaries, to issue warrants in equal shares of the lump-sum amount payable to each of the cobeneficiaries. Payments pursuant to this rule shall come from the system's funds.

403.3(1) Denial and notification. If the board determines that the eligibility criteria have not been met, the board shall notify in writing the beneficiary or cobeneficiaries and the responsible supervisory official who certified that the death occurred in the line of duty of the determination and of the reason or reasons for the denial.

403.3(2) Appeals. If an application for benefits is denied, the beneficiary or any cobeneficiary may appeal that decision to the board by filing an appeal in writing to the secretary within 30 days of the date of the denial of the application by the board. Appeals shall be processed in accordance with contested case procedures specified in 661—Chapter 401.